

*Our  
Father's  
Story*



# *The Father's Old Testament Story*

“Is not he your father, who created you,  
who made you and established you?”

Deuteronomy 32:6

Their Father ...

- carried them
- disciplined them
- taught and warned them

“It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; ... I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.”

Hosea 11:1-4 NIV

Their Father ...

- Stayed with them
- Returned them home

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“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.” Luke 1:35

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

“He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:11-12

God who is “the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:6) is “God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace.” (2 Thessalonians 2:16)

# *Our Story as Children of the Father*

- We can be in the Father's family
- We must live in the Father's family
  - Imitate the Father
  - Honor the Father
  - Please the Father
  - Trust the Father
- We must be with the Father

